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David Stark, Esquire

Public Service Commission of South Carolina

101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100

Columbia, South Carolina 29210

**Re: South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659) Proceeding Initiated Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-40-20(C): Generic Docket to (1) Investigate and Determine the Costs and Benefits of the Current Net Energy Metering Program and (2) Establish a Methodology for Calculating the Value of the Energy Produced by Customer-Generators
Docket No. 2019-182-E**

Request for Expedited Action; Time Sensitive Request

Dear Mr. Stark:

Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively, the “Companies”) are writing to provide an update on the proposed orders due in Docket No. 2019-182-E (the “Generic Docket”). Currently, the proposed orders in the Generic Docket are due no later than January 7, 2021. However, for the reasons set forth below, the Companies respectfully request a two-week extension of that deadline to January 21, 2021.¹

The hearing in the Generic Docket began on November 17, 2020, and spanned three days, concluding on November 19, 2020. At the conclusion of the three-day hearing, the parties conferred with Commission staff regarding the deadline for the proposed order, among other things. Given the complexity of the issues and the length of the hearing, the Companies requested that sufficient time be provided between the time transcripts of the hearing are provided and the due date for the proposed orders. The deadline for the proposed orders was set for January 7, 2021, with the assumption that the transcript would be available on December 10, 2020—resulting in a four-week buffer period to review and evaluate the transcript and prepare the proposed order. However, for a variety of reasons—including the sheer amount of matters before the Commission at this time—the transcript is not currently available. Under the

¹ The Companies expect other interested parties to join in support of this request for an extension.

current deadline of January 7, 2021—even if the transcript is provided today—the Companies would be on an abbreviated timeline (which becomes even more compressed when accounting for the holidays) within which to prepare the proposed order, which runs contrary to the assumptions made when the deadline was proposed.

As such, the Companies therefore request a two-week extension in the deadline for the proposed order for all parties to ensure that the proposed orders adequately encompass the various testimony provided in this docket and complex issues that were litigated. Such an extension will provide the parties sufficient time to review the transcript and build proposed orders from the testimony provided therein. Although the Companies have not talked to all parties, it is the Companies' understanding that others support this request for an extension.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,



J. Ashley Cooper

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cc: Parties of Record